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SUBJECT: TFCH01: DRAFT WHITEHOUSE STATEMENT ON  
SITUATION IN CHINA

1. IN RESPONSE TO WHITEHOUSE REQUEST, EMBASSY  
SUGGESTS THAT A STATEMENT BE ISSUED ON THE SITUATION  
IN CHINA ALONG THE LINES SET FORTH BELOW:

WE ARE DEEPLY ANGERED AND SADDENED BY CURRENT EVENTS  
IN CHINA. THE SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE.  
THE GOVERNMENT FIRST DECLARED MARTIAL LAW MAY 20.  
IT ORDERED IN THE ARMY TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION  
AND PROTECT PUBLIC ORDER, SAYING THE ARMY WOULD  
NEVER BE USED AGAINST THE STUDENTS AND THE PEOPLE.  
NEVERTHELESS, FORCE HAS BEEN USED AGAINST THE  
STUDENTS AND THE GENERAL POPULATION OF BEIJING.  
CONTRARY TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE CHINESE  
GOVERNMENT, MILITARY FORCE WAS NOT ONLY USED AGAINST  
"A SMALL HANDFUL" OF PEOPLE, BUT AGAINST THOUSANDS  
OF STUDENTS AND OTHER CITIZENS. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY  
STATED THAT VIOLENCE IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO THE  
CURRENT SITUATION. IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT VIOLENCE  
IS ONLY BEGETTING MORE VIOLENCE.

IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT MUST ACT TO EXPRESS ITS STRONG  
CONDEMNATION OF THE USE OF FORCE BY THE CHINESE  
GOVERNMENT AGAINST ITS OWN PEOPLE. WE URGE THAT THE  
TROOPS, WHICH HAVE ONLY SUCCEEDED IN INFLAMING THE  
POPULACE, BE WITHDRAWN. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS  
APPLAUDED THE FACT THAT DIALOGUE HAS REPLACED  
CONFRONTATION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CAN USE  
SUCH A FORMULA WHEN DEALING WITH ITS OWN PEOPLE.

UNTIL THAT TIME, HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT "BUSINESS  
AS USUAL" CAN NO LONGER BE THE OPERATIVE PHRASE IN  
U.S. RELATIONS WITH CHINA. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH  
CHINA CAN NO LONGER BE DESCRIBED AS NORMAL.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO SUSPEND CERTAIN  
SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HIGH-LEVEL VISITS UNTIL  
THE SITUATION NORMALIZES AND VIOLENCE ENDS.  
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